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the GPE a synopsis of each proposed contract action for which the total fee (including phases and options) is expected to exceed \$25,000.

- (2) When the total fee is expected to exceed \$10,000 but not exceed \$25,000, the contracting officer must comply with 5.101(a)(2). When the proposed contract action is not required to be synopsized under paragraph (d)(1) of this section, the contracting officer must display a notice of the solicitation or a copy of the solicitation in a public place at the contracting office. Other optional publicizing methods are authorized in accordance with 5.101(b).
- (e) Effort to locate commercial sources under OMB Circular A-76. When determining the availability of commercial sources under the procedures prescribed in subpart 7.3 and OMB Circular A-76, the contracting officer must not arrive at a conclusion that there are no commercial sources capable of providing the required supplies or services until publicizing the requirement through the GPE at least three times in a 90 calendar-day period, with a minimum of 30 calendar days between notices. When necessary to meet an urgent requirement, this may be limited to a total of two notices through the GPE in a 30 calendar-day period, with a minimum of 15 calendar days between each.
- (f) Section 8(a) competitive acquisition. When a national buy requirement is being considered for competitive acquisition limited to eligible 8(a) concerns under subpart 19.8, the contracting officer must transmit a synopsis of the proposed contract action to the GPE. The synopsis may be transmitted to the GPE concurrent with submission of the agency offering (see 19.804-2) to the Small Business Administration (SBA). The synopsis should also include infor-
- (1) Advising that the acquisition is being offered for competition limited to eligible 8(a) concerns;
- (2) Specifying the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code:
- (3) Advising that eligibility to participate may be restricted to firms in either the developmental stage or the developmental and transitional stages;

(4) Encouraging interested 8(a) firms to request a copy of the solicitation as expeditiously as possible since the solicitation will be issued without further notice upon SBA acceptance of the requirement for the section 8(a) program.

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5.206 Notices of subcontracting opportunities.

- (a) The following entities may transmit a notice to the GPE to seek competition for subcontracts, to increase participation by qualified HUBZone small business, small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small business, veteran-owned small business and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns, and to meet established subcontracting plan goals:
- (1) A contractor awarded a contract exceeding \$100,000 that is likely to result in the award of any subcontracts.
- (2) A subcontractor or supplier, at any tier, under a contract exceeding \$100,000, that has a subcontracting opportunity exceeding \$10,000.
 - (b) The notices must describe—
 - (1) The business opportunity;
- (2) Any prequalification requirements: and
- (3) Where to obtain technical data needed to respond to the requirement.

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5.207 Preparation and transmittal of synopses.

- (a) Content. Each synopsis transmitted to the GPE must address the following data elements, as applicable:
 - (1) Action Code.
 - (2) Date. (3) Year.
- (4) Government Printing Office (GPO) Billing Account Code.
 - (5) Contracting Office Zip Code.
 - (6) Classification Code.
 - (7) Contracting Office Address.
 - (8) Subject.
 - (9) Proposed Solicitation Number.
- (10) Opening and Closing Response Date.